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SUBJ: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, MARCH 9, 1977

1. SUMMARY: AT SECOND INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM HELD ON MARCH 9, ROMANIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF NON-ALIGNED PROPOSALS, THE CCD START DRAFTING A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM LEADING TO COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT. INDIAN REP NOTED THAT ORIGINAL MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE INCLUDED GOALS, PRIORITIES AND MEASURES WITH COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT AS THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS MANDATE IS STILL VALID. MEXICAN REP SUPPORTED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DRAFTING GROUP WITH TASK OF PREPARING COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM.

END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) WAS HELD AFTERNOON OF MARCH 9 WITH PERUVIAN REP (ARIAS-SCHREIBER) CONTINUING IN CHAIR. ROMANIAN REP (ENE) CALLED ON CCD TO ESTABLISH A WORKING BODY TO DRAFT TEXT OF CNP IN ORDER TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO COMPLETE THIS TASK IN A TIMELY MANNER IN ORDER FOR THE CCD TO APPEAR IN A POSITIVE LIGHT AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CCD PREPARE CNP ON THE BASIS OF UN RES 2602 (XXIV) TO PROVIDE THE MODALITIES FOR HALTING THE ARMS RACE, AND ACHIEVING COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT. ROMANIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THREE BASIC MEASURES: 1) CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBM'S), 2) MEASURES DEALING WITH MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT, 3) DISARMAMENT MEASURES. HE SAID THAT WHEN A SPECIFIC APPROACH IS SELECTED FOR ACTION THAT IT SHOULD BE JUDGED AGAINST ALTERNATE APPROACHES AND WITH RESPECT TO ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CNP. ROMANIAN REP SUPPORTED EARLIER MEXICAN PROPOSAL THAT NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVES AT UN AND CCD SHOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR DEVELOPING CNP. HE ADDED THAT WORKING PAPERS BY OTHERS, SUCH AS NETHERLANDS (CCD/276) AND ITALY (CCD/309), SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE SAID THAT HIS DEL WOULD LIKE TO SEE CNP ALONG THE LINES OF UN RES 8161 (XXV), UPDATED AS APPROPRIATE.

3. INDIAN REP (JAIN) ASKED SECRETARIAT TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF UN RES 1722 OF DEC 20, 1961, (WHICH CONTAINS COMMITTEE'S ORIGINAL MANDATE) AND ENDC/5 (THE MCCLOY-ZORIN DISARMAMENT PRINCIPLES). HE SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE'S ORIGINAL MANDATE INCLUDED GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND SPECIFIC MEASURES; AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS MANDATE IS STILL VALID AND COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR CNP.

- 4. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) SUPPORTED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DRAFTING GROUP WITH TASK OF PREPARING CNP. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO THE NEXT STEPS THAT CCD SHOULD TAKE AFTER DEALING WITH HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS (I.E., CTB AND CW).
- 5. NIGERIAN ALTERNATE REP (FALASE) SAID THAT HE HOPED NIGERIAN REP (CLARK) WOULD ARRIVE IN TIME TO TAKE PART IN FURTHER WORK ON CNP DURING WEEK OF MARCH 21-25. HE ALSO INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH STATEMENTS BY ROMANIA AND MEXICAN REPS.

6. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING ON CNP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10.CATTO

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